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FOR: DIE SET FOR PRESS FORMING METAL SHEET AND PRESS FORMING METHOD OF METAL SHEET

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AW on Form PTO- 1449:

This reference is discussed in the specification.

Reference AX on Form PTO- 1449:

There is disclosed a die set for press forming a metal sheet comprising a punch and a die, wherein a clearance CL2 between the punch and the die corresponding to a site to be formed immediately after an initial stage of press forming and a clearance CL1 between the punch and the die corresponding to a site to be formed in the initial stage of press forming are set so as to satisfy $CL1 < CL2$. However, the relations between CL1 and CL2 defined in Claim 1 of the present application as expressions (1) and (2) is not disclosed.

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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
	AW	"Press Forming Relative Difficulty Handbook" Second Edition, 1997, (THE NIKKAN KOGYO SHIMBUN, LTD.), pgs. 175-196					
	AX	"A Consideration about Dimension Accuracy of High-Tension Material (8 th Report)", - study of punching technology for inducing overrun, September 12, 2002, 2 Pages					
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